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REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the very thorough consideration given the present application.

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 17-22, 26 and 27 are now present in this application. Claims 1, 17, 26 and 27 are independent. By this Amendment, claims 9, 10, 12, and 23-25 are canceled without prejudice.

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Information Disclosure Citation

The Office Action does not contain an initialed copy of the PTO/SB/08 form filed with the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on March 27, 2008. Applicant respectfully requests that an initialed copy of the PTO/SB/08 filed with that IDS be provided to Applicant in the next Office Action.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 9, 10, 12 and 23-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,810,441 to Habuto et al. ("Habuto"). This rejection is respectfully traversed as moot because these claims have been canceled without prejudice.

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Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of claims 1, 2, 4-7, 17-22, 26 and 27. Because these are the only pending claims, Applicant respectfully requests that this Application be promptly passed to issue

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone Robert J. Webster, Registration No. 46,472, at (703) 205-8076, in the Washington, D.C. area.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Substitute Amendment is respectfully requested.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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